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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(g), (h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b). While the term "references" is used in citing the U.S. and foreign patents and publications called to attention herein, applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law. Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent or publication asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

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A copy of reference A4 is enclosed for the convenience of the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case, and that the Examiner independently determine those items that the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of the subject application. Hence, it is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1) and, therefore, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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	A1	3,847,719	11/1974	Crowley	424	85	
	A2	4,787,308	09/1981	Nakagama et al.	521	53	
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	C1	09/840,317	04/23/2001	1774

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	D1	Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary, 12 th Ed., pp. 325, 331, 332 and 936, Van Nostrand Reinhold Co., NY (1993).
	D2	Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Engineering, Vol. 2, pp. 434-446 (1985, rev. ed. of 1964).
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